

IT'S NOT NOAH'S ARK: It's a ground level view of the new cooling towers being installed at Consumers Power Palisades nuclear plant taken by this newspaper's aerial photographer. After taking this picture, Adolph Hann climbed back into his plane and took the aerial shot

that appears on the front page of the second section of today's paper. The aerial photo will show how massive the project is. (Adolph Hann photo)

## First Prisoners Expected To Be Freed Saturday

SAIGON (AP) — A senior U.S. official said today the United States is planning to receive 20 to 40 American prisoners of war from jungle camps along the Cambodian border north of Saigon on Saturday.

The official, who is a member of the U.S. team planning the repatriation of American prisoners, said the first group of prisoners in North Vietnam probably won't be released until the early part of next week, perhaps Sunday or Monday, coinciding with the visit there of U.S. presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger.

The official said the first prisoners would be released at An Loc, a provincial capital 60 miles north of Saigon and 10 miles from the border. He said American helicopters will pick up the men there, fly them to Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Saigon, and they will be transferred to a C-9 medical evacuation plane for the 1 hour and 45 minute flight to Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines.

Three eight-man teams — two each from Canada, Indonesia, Poland and Hungary — are standing by in Saigon, ready to move out on two hours' notice. They spent the morning at their headquarters at Tan Son Nhut Air Base discussing operational procedures.

The teams will supervise the transfer of the POWs. Those released in North Vietnam will be flown from Hanoi to Clark Air Base in the Philippines. Those transferred in South Vietnam will be given preliminary checkups and then flown to Clark.

Twelve members of the Canadian Red Cross were flying to Vietnam today to join representatives of the Polish Red Cross in touring the prison camps. An annex to the Paris cease-fire peace agreement says at least two Red Cross societies will be designated to visit all places where prisoners are held "to contribute to improving the living conditions."

North Vietnam says 562 U.S. servicemen and civilians are captives in North and South Vietnam and Laos. The cease-fire agreement calls for their release by March 28, and U.S. presidential adviser Henry A.

Correction: National Food Adv. 6-12 oz. returnable btl. 7-up 49c with coupon & \$5.00 purchase. Adv.

Attn: Clark Equip. Employees. Richard Gillespie Pharmacy now has paid prescriptions. Adv.

Kissinger said Jan. 24 he expects them to be handed over in groups every two weeks.

The Saigon military command reported another 121 Communist cease-fire viola-

tions, including two battles in the central highlands north and south of Pleiku in which it claimed that a total of 233 North Vietnamese soldiers (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



PROTECTION: Lt. Gov. James Brickley places a borrowed hard hat on the head of Michigan Senate Secretary Beryl Kenyon after Kenyon was hit on the head by a piece of the gavel the lieutenant governor was using to call the Michigan Senate to order Tuesday. (AP Wirephoto)

## Clear Warning To Noisemakers

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The State Senate secretary took his lumps from a flying gavel in the interest of Senate decorum.

Secretary Beryl Kenyon was conked on the head Tuesday when Lt. Gov. James Brickley smashed the gavel for order in the chamber and the wooden mallet flew apart.

As Brickley, the Senate president, helplessly held the handle, the gavel head whirled skyward, described a graceful arc at eye level with viewers in the gallery and plummeted back toward the unaware Kenyon.

Brickley, who was behind Kenyon on the rostrum, froze apologetically.

Kenyon flinched agonizingly when the wooden knob caromed off his head and bumped to the floor. He was not injured.

"I didn't know where it went. It seemed like it was up there an eternity," Brickley said afterward.

"It hit darn hard," observed Kenyon. Brickley gave Kenyon a yellow hard hat borrowed from a Capitol construction worker after the session and Kenyon gave Brickley a new gavel.

Brickley rapped the gavel in the first place to quiet Senate hubbub during remarks by one of the lawmakers.

## Milliken To Tell Plan Tonight

# School Crisis Solved?

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Gov. William G. Milliken unveils his proposals to solve Michigan's education crisis tonight, amid expectations he will embrace the general concepts of a Senate bill which calls for a \$106 million increase in state aid.

Sen. Gilbert Bursley, R-Ann Arbor, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said he thinks the governor "will be in agreement on major points" with his bill, which has not been introduced.

Bursley planned to take his

recently modified education bill to Senate colleagues today for their co-sponsoring signatures. He said he would introduce it formally today or Thursday.

Milliken aides kept close wraps on the speech, to be aired over many television and radio stations.

He was to deliver the half-hour speech at 7:30 p.m.

Bursley said his bill calls for \$1.216 billion in state aid for the next school year, compared to \$1.110 billion for this year. It represents a nine per cent

increase.

Half the state aid comes from the state general fund, with the rest from specially earmarked taxes. The latter includes two cents of the sales tax, plus cigarette and liquor taxes.

Milliken must show that he can meet the Michigan Supreme Court's mandate to balance the disparity between districts with rich and poor property tax bases. He also must show how Detroit can solve its financial problems, without being forced to close its doors early this spring.

Bursley said that the governor can meet the crisis and still have his \$370 million tax cut over two years. Milliken proposed the tax reduction in his State of the State address last month.

Bursley proposes that the state make each mill in taxes up to 22 mills equivalent to \$38. That means the state would make the difference in poor districts which do not bring in as much tax per mill as the rich ones.

Bursley's proposal would equalize 25 mills at \$39 each in the second year, and an unlimited number of mills at \$40 each the third.

He said Tuesday he has changed his plan for solving Detroit's school financial dilemma, where a deficit estimated at up to \$80 million, must be met to continue classes through the current year.

He said the Detroit Board of Education would be allowed to impose an income tax or to have another chance at passing a property tax hike to meet its local share. Detroiters failed

three times last year to pass a five-mill property tax.

At present, the Detroit property tax millage is 15.51 mills. Bursley's bill would give the Detroit board the power to impose an income tax to bring in the difference between 15.51 mills and 22 mills.

Previously, Bursley had rec-

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### Milliken Appears On TV Tonight

Southwestern Michigan residents will be able to see Gov. William G. Milliken deliver his proposal to solve the Michigan education crisis tonight at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 3, WKZO-TV, Kalamazoo.



\$4 MILLION JUDGMENT: Kelly Niles, 13-years-old of San Rafael, Calif., paralyzed from the waist down, has been awarded more than \$4 million in what his lawyer calls the largest personal injury verdict ever granted one person in the nation's history. A five-man, seven-woman jury awarded the damages in injuries suffered in a schoolyard fight. Young Niles sustained a fractured skull and internal bleeding. He was left paralyzed, mute and requires full-time attendant care. Defendants in the case were a pedestrian, a hospital and a school district. (AP Wirephoto)

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Everything 1/2 price at What's New I Apparels, 4205 Red Arrow Hwy., Stevensville. Adv.



PULLMAN HOUSE BURNS: House at 109th avenue and First street in Allegan county community of Pullman was destroyed by fire early today despite efforts by firemen from Lee, Casco and Ganges townships and Fennville to save it. Lawrence Willingham and family, occupants, were not at home and no one was injured. Firemen said house was owned by Royal

Laraway, of Pullman. Blaze was second affecting Laraway family in 24 hour span. Home of a brother, Russell Laraway, 56th street, near Pullman, was extensively damaged in fire yesterday morning. Russell Laraway and his family escaped earlier fire uninjured. (Tom Renner photo)

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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### Consensus Needed To Stop Tax Tyranny

In 1951, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, 223,800 persons, or 9.9 per cent of Michigan's working population, were public employees. Manufacturing accounted for 48.1 per cent of all workers.

As of November, 1972—the latest month for which figures are available—540,500 persons in Michigan were collecting pay checks from public agencies. This was an increase of 18,700 from the previous November. At that time government accounted for 17.4 per cent of all employment while manufacturing slipped to 35.6 per cent.

Nationwide, one of every six workers in America today is a government employee, according to the Labor Department. Of every \$5.50 in wages paid out this year, nearly \$1 will go to a government worker.

The percentage of government workers has almost tripled since 1929, when they made up only 6.4 per cent of the U.S. work force. Today, slightly more than 16 per cent are employed by government, be it federal, state or local. In all, 13.2 million of the nation's 81.7 million workers are on government payrolls.

Interestingly, by far the most growth has occurred at the state and local levels. Though the number of federal employees has grown over the years, the percentage has decreased. For example, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 1972 federal workers constituted only 19.9 per cent of all public employees. In 1950, they represented 32 per cent of all government workers.

Occurring mostly since 1951, the vast increases in public employment can by no means be charged solely to political boondoggling and bureaucracy run rampant.

As the nation has become urbanized, as the population has grown, the need for increased police and fire protection has grown. So has the need for better streets and highways, recreation facilities, preservation of natural resources, handling of waste and the preservation of the ecology. The result, inevitably, was more people working for government.

Well warranted as some of the new government services may be, this democracy nevertheless needs to take a close look at whether it can continue to expand government employment and remain a democracy. A democracy, that is, of which individual freedom is the hallmark.

It matters not whether a majority or a king levies the taxes. To the extent that a citizen is taxed, he or she is not able to

make a free choice in spending the revenue from his or her own labor. There comes a point in the level of taxation at which citizens, lacking economic freedom of choice, must feel enslaved.

Furthermore, the economic wealth of the country is generated by producing workers—in manufacturing, farming, mining, transportation, the arts—not by government employees. When the percentage of government employees goes up and the percentage of producing employees goes down, the United States is in danger of losing its competitive advantage in the trade markets of the world. And as much as anything else, it has been the vast economic wealth and productive ability of the U.S. management and labor team that has kept the nation free. History demonstrates that poor nations either can't, or choose not to, afford freedom.

According to best estimates, workers of the United States are already paying somewhere between 30 and 35 per cent of their income in taxes. This is approaching the point where both individual freedom and production efficiency are seriously threatened.

The solution lies not in blindly cutting all government services. It lies in careful selection by the electorate of those government services that are truly essential to the public welfare, and the elimination of marginal or special-interest programs.

In order to retain the voting balance on the side of freedom, it might also be wise to consider a change in the method by which government services are provided to the public. Instead of setting up government agencies to provide education, postal service, sewage disposal, highways, it might be well to contract for such services with private firms on a competitive basis. Employees of such private firms would be apt to side with the private sector of the economy rather than the bureaucratic fat cats, as many government employees do now.

Admittedly, electing essential government services and discarding non-essential is a difficult, controversial process. But it is an essential requirement if taxes are not to continue to soar. Some kind of national consensus, some kind of limit on the percentage of taxation or the percentage of workers who may be employed by government, is essential to prevent a totally government-dictated economy and to preserve the United States as a nation with individual freedom.

### Tradition Wins

In a world which seems to thrive on change, every once in awhile people somewhere say: "Whoa, slow down a bit. You're going too fast." It happens generally with the smaller things, the more intimate details which are comfortable to cling to in times when grass roots are shaken loose.

Such was the case with the attempted transformation of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Rounding out one century of service, the RCMP is more than just another tradition to Canada. Its reputation for resourcefulness and integrity is as world famous as that of the Texas Rangers.

In addition, the history of the Mountie is a romantic one, and that is the strongest tradition of all. When the government decided to do away with the scarlet tunics which dated to the founding of the Mounties in 1874, the public grumbled.

Then came the decision to take away the horses and dog teams. The grumbling grew louder.

Finally, when it was proposed that even the famous emblem be replaced with something less pretentious, the grumbling erupted into thousands of protests and the government backed off. The badge with the buffalo head, maple leaf and royal crown will be retained.

Progress is fine, the public decided, to a point.

### A Seasonal Calendar

A possessor of a somewhat inventive turn of mind, who prefers, in fact, demands to remain anonymous, has finally come up with an idea to counteract winters such as the current one. He would do it by a slight revision of the calendar.

He doesn't espouse those proposals that call for equal quarters in the year, with an added "world holiday" at the end of every fourth year to make up the extra day that now comes as February 29.

What he is advocating is a relocation of the months, so to speak.

He would have the year begin on March 1 instead of Jan. 1; that is, take the months of January and February off the beginning of the year and tack them on the end.

Instead of the new year coming at the beginning of the gloomiest season of the year, it would make its appearance at the beginning of one of the most enjoyable.

Instead of coming six months after the year starts, the summer vacation season would make its appearance in four.

Well, he can dream, can't he?

### I Object! Think Of The Tax Explosion



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### UPSETS BRANDYWINE — 1 Year Ago —

Greg Toney scored 24 points and John Mock got the winning basket with about five seconds remaining as Berrien Springs upset Brandywine 71-70 in a Blossomland basketball encounter in Berrien Springs.

After a 39-39 halftime deadlock, coach Connie Stover's Shamrocks led 54-52 after three periods and went up by nine with about four minutes left in the game. But Brandywine battled back and took the lead at 70-69 on a pair of

free throws by Leonard Drake with 27 seconds showing.

#### APPOINT WRIGHT TO LAKESHORE POST — 10 Years Ago —

Charles Wright was recently appointed co-ordinator of elementary education for the Lakeshore school district, the board of education announced today.

Wright, 47, has been principal of Baroda elementary school for three years. His 20-year career includes teaching in Clinton and Berrien counties. Hathaway, New Buffalo and Bridgman.

#### REDS CAPTURE NIKOPOL AREA — 29 Years Ago —

The Red army has liquidated the German bridgehead at Nikopol, driving the Germans from their last stronghold east of the Dnieper river, and has captured the city of Nikopol itself on the right bank of the river, Moscow announced tonight.

In two orders of the day Marshall Stalin said the Russian army in the Dnieper Bend has defeated seven German infantry divisions to clear the bridgehead 72 miles wide and 21 miles deep, and then gone on to seize Nikopol, important manganese center across the Dnieper.

#### PLAN RESORT — 39 Years Ago —

Plans to make St. Joseph one of the outstanding health resorts of the nation are outlined by Leon J. Harris, head of a group of Chicagoans who have bought the Whitcomb hotel.

#### SUPPORT ORPHANS — 49 Years Ago —

Berrien county has done its part to help support orphan children of the state. A check for \$2,500, voted at the October session of the board of supervisors, was sent to the Michigan Children's Aid society headquarters in Lansing.

#### FIRST TRIP — 59 Years Ago —

The fish tug Mary G. made its first trip into the lake and lifted 1,000 pounds of cisco.

#### HAVE GRIPPE — 83 Years Ago —

The gripe is still wrestling with a number of mortal frames in this vicinity. The entire force at Freund Brothers meat market is laid up except Charles Freund, who hopes to be able to swing the cleaver until some of the boys are well enough to wait on customers.

#### BERRY'S WORLD



### School Board Chief Guilty Of Brawling

WOODHAVEN, Mich. (AP)—William R. Womack, president of the Woodhaven School Board, has pleaded guilty to drunk and disorderly charges involving a fight.

Woodhaven District Court Judge Gerald McNally fined Womack \$25 plus \$4 in court costs at the hearing Tuesday.

Womack, who has headed the board since July 1, was arrested Monday night following a disruption at a Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting in this Detroit suburb, according to police.

Womack, 36, was recently phased out of the Jaycees at the mandatory retirement age of 35.

### Bruce Blossat



### Don't Blame It All On Vietnam

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Long after the last American soldier has left the jungles of Vietnam, we here at home will be struggling through the transplanted mental jungle which the war bequeathed us.

I was absolutely thunderstruck to read a long epitaph to the war written by one of America's most celebrated journalists. He spoke of the experience as shattering, divisive, undermining of our confidence, sobering and corrective of our judgments about ourselves as a people and a nation, destructive of authority in every realm of life, right down to the family itself.

Yet I could not find a line in this recital which laid upon us — some of us — the proper charge that we were grossly distorting the experience even as we were undergoing it.

Perhaps that was because the writer himself was clearly caught up in these distortions. Certainly his war epitaph, in the painful narrowness of its view, was a masterpiece of misrepresentation.

It would take a book to set down adequately all the forces and events other than the Vietnam war which have, for instance, affected American attitudes toward the authority of government, schools, press, church and family.

Among them, of course, are the strange workings of affluence, the great racial struggle, the huge, unbroken migration to the cities and their environs, the breakdown of the cities as workable living places, new definitions (and not always accurate) of what freedom is, the headlong sweep of the scientific revolution and its applications to material living.

For clarity in many things, we must wait for history's long-range lens. But not in this instance. We can laugh right now at the absurdity of the notion that so much of our trouble comes from the Vietnam war.

If it were truly so, then the rational response could only be: We are not much as a people. And our institutions, raised up through the ordeals of two centuries, are neither worth saving nor even revamping in a fresh mold. Such an interpretation stamps us as hopelessly, enduringly unstable — irrational and ill-suited to the trials of life.

To read some of our self-anointed amateur historians and many among the professionals who style themselves "revisionists," that verdict is indeed wholly applicable.

No decent American impulse had any place at all in the Vietnam experience. Bright men, imprisoned by history, contrived inescapably to behave blindly and stupidly. There never was a "Cold War." That is an American invention, rooted in false fears of the Soviet Union and communism. If the Russians ever acted badly, it was only in response to our provocation. The Cuban missile crisis was not the product of Kremlin misjudgment of irrationality, but ours.

The terrible tensions over Berlin in 1961-62 (hardly mentioned in recent retrospectives) were just nervous over-reactions in White House and Pentagon.

If you believe all or any of this, you must believe that compacted into our 210 million people there is more day-to-day working stupidity, more blindness to history and present reality, than can be found anywhere else on earth.

Nobody else among the rest of the world's 3.6 billion people suffers these awesome handicaps. We are the only moving factors in history. If we Americans will just do right, all will soon be well in the world.

It's quite a theory. The people who buy it may be a long time finding their way out of the jungle.

### Marianne Means



### New Labor Group On The Horizon

WASHINGTON — The Philadelphia public schools were closed in strike that began more than four months ago; Mayor Frank Rizzo has said the city is too poor to raise salaries and that the teachers can rot.

St. Louis schoolteachers walked out in protest over large class sizes and low pay. An 11-day school strike in Chicago was settled amidst teacher vows to begin negotiating immediately on next year's demands.

In all but three states, strikes by public employees such as teachers are illegal. But the

teachers are not alone in their growing militancy and open defiance of the courts. In the last few years, for instance, city after city has had to cope with garbage strikes and organized protests by policemen, who mount parking-ticket blitzes or hold "sick days" during which a sizable proportion of the force suddenly develops the flu.

Public employees have been forbidden to strike because they have a special responsibility to the public and their services are vital to the health, safety or education of innocent persons. But they legitimately complain that the taxpayers owe them a decent wage in return, and that they are currently being shortchanged. The average high school teacher earns about \$9,000 a year, compared to the \$20,000 that construction union members average annually.

The problem is about to escalate sharply. Several public employees organizations will shortly announce the formation of the first new union federation since the AFL-CIO merged in the mid-1950's. And its goal will be the same as that of the AFL-CIO—national political power.

The first target of the new federation, to be called the Coalition of American Public Employees, will be to try to push through Congress this session a measure permitting them to bargain collectively and to strike. It is certain to provoke a dandy fight.

PRaised AND SCOLDED DETROIT (AP) — Architect Louis Kahn says he likes Detroit's Metropolitan Airport, but thinks the city has failed to take advantage of its on-the-water location.

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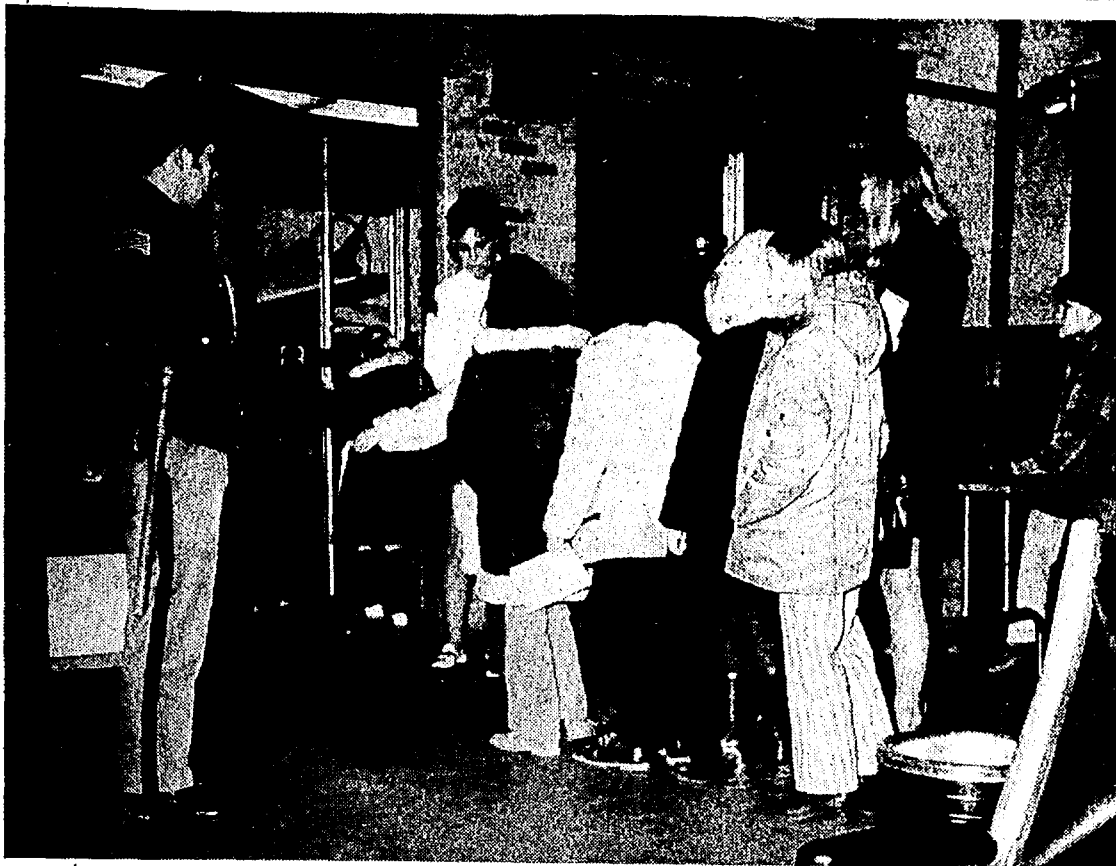
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"Soy, Butch, this IS a coincidence! I'm in for not revealing the name of a news source, too!"





**ANTI-HIJACKER PATROL:** Benton Township reserve police officer Jerry Woodley stands guard at left while Pinkerton security agents check group of Coloma Community school third graders touring Ross field, Benton Harbor. Mrs. Gloria Mohn uses electronic metal detector while Sgt. B. C. Drane of Pinkerton watches (right). Benton township and Twin Cities Airport Board

have signed agreement whereby the Benton township force will provide security for the nine daily North Central flights covering 16 hours a day. Armed, uniformed police officer is required by Federal Aviation administration rules to be on hand to back up the weapon search conducted by airlines. (Staff photo)



**EXTRA THRILL FOR AIRPORT TOUR:** Members of Miss Jean Konrath's third grade class from Coloma Community schools got extra thrill when touring Ross field, Benton Harbor, Tuesday. Not only were they frisked by electronic devices, they were shepherded by Benton Township Reserve police officer Jerry Woodley on duty on the first day of federal ordered security

guard. Andy Lukaszewski, North Central Airlines manager at Benton Harbor took youngsters for close look at airliner and passenger and freight facilities. Woodley stands guard at airport gate while youngsters head for plane. They didn't board it. But security clearance was required to get through gate. (Staff photo)

## BENTON REZONES DESPITE PROTESTS

### Apartment, Car Dealership Approved

Benton township board of trustees last night approved two zoning changes over protests of some Fairplain residents in the audience of about 50 persons at the township municipal building.

The rezoning permits construction of apartments on 7.5 acres along Union Street by Edward Rose & Sons of Kalamazoo, and building a new auto agency for Klum Olds-Cadillac on Napier avenue

near Union. Both rezoning issues were approved by 4 to 2 votes of the board, which followed recommendations of the township planning commission. Board members Chester

Jollay, Chester Watson and Ralph Dahn voted for rezoning of both properties. Walter Slowik voted against both proposals. Abe Lieberman backed the Klum site and opposed the apartments.

James Culby did the reverse—supporting the apartments and opposing Klum.

Culby explained he believes Union street should be the east-west buffer between residential and commercial property in Fairplain. The Klum site is on the residential side of this demarcation line.

He said the Rose property on the other side of Union is a natural multiple residential location between the commercialism of the M-139-Napier area and the single family residences of Fairplain.

Culby and other township officials toured a Rose apartment development at Kalamazoo. He said he found the units of good quality and reported building inspectors termed them excellent constructions.

The quality of the Rose apartments was questioned by objectors at last night's meeting.

The board's action specifically rezones 7.5 acres on Union street, immediately north of Fairplain East elementary school, from A-2 residential to multiple dwellings. Rose proposes building 92 apartments on this location and 279 on an adjoining 9.7-acre tract behind Jewel Food, which already is zoned for apartments.

The Klum rezoning is for about 3.75 acres with 600 feet of frontage on Napier from A-2 residential to D-1 commercial. Klum originally had sought 900 feet of frontage.

Fairplain residents said they want a definite plan to avoid spot zoning and determine what's going commercial and

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**BOOST FOR BLOSSOMTIME:** Richard E. Fairleigh, president of Century Development Corp., writes check for first ad in 1973 Blossomtime program. Selling advertisement is Ralph Borchert, chairman of Blossomtime special gifts committee, who said Fairleigh bought a \$500 ad. Century Development, headquartered at 208 Court street, St. Joseph, recently opened a 175-acre industrial park at Goshen, Ind., with six new plants already located there, according to Fairleigh. He said company also has broken ground for 750-acre industrial park at Hammond, Ind. (Staff photo)

### Appeals Order To Pay \$115,209

A former Benton Harbor businessman has filed suit in Berrien circuit court appealing a \$115,209 surcharge imposed on him as administrator of an estate in Berrien probate court.

Lester Brown, proprietor of Twin City Recreation until his retirement in 1969, asks the court to accept his final accounts for the estate of his brother, Forrest E. Brown, and rescind the surcharge.

Berrien Probate Judge Ronald H. Lange on Aug. 1, 1972, ordered Brown to pay the surcharge to make up an alleged deficiency in accounts covering the period Jan. 13, 1965 to Dec. 31, 1970. In 1969, Lange had ordered Brown to pay a surcharge, now totalling \$86,680, for the period May 11, 1951 to Jan. 13, 1965. This was not paid, according to court records.

The order directs that the major part of the surcharge be

paid to Elsie Brown and Fern L. Graber, both of South Bend, Ind., widow and daughter of Forrest E. Brown, whose will was admitted to probate in 1951.

Brown was named co-trustee of his late brother's property which he rented without permission of the court to the Twin City Recreation Corp. in which he was chief shareholder and chief executive officer, for substantially less than reasonable rental value, Judge Lange ruled in his opinion. The corporation operated a bowling alley in Benton Harbor until several years ago.

The \$115,209 surcharge is to make up for the inadequate rent, for cash on hand not carried over from previous accounts, for capitalized distribution not paid to the beneficiaries and for trustee and management fees, according to court records.



DON HERRIT



WALTER JOHNSON

### Men Lead Campaign For YMCA

Don Herriot, manager of Whirlpool's St. Joseph division, and Walter Johnson, regional sales manager for Michigan Fruit Canners, are co-chairmen of the Twin City YMCA's 1973 membership drive, according to Jake Paschall, YMCA board president.

The campaign will begin Friday at a kickoff luncheon at the "Y" and continue through March 2. Herriot said the goal is 300 new and renewal adult memberships.

George Myers, Vince Dwan and Bob Crawford have been named leaders of the men's and family divisions. Mrs. Lois Saubier and Mrs. Maruee Kinnavy are co-chairmen of the women's division.

### Tank Breaks

St. Joseph firemen washed down gasoline at 1:33-1:48 p. m. Tuesday in the 800 block of Ship street, St. Joseph when straps holding the gas tank on a car owned by Glen Avery, 2930 Washington avenue, St. Joseph, broke, dumping the gas on the street.

### LMC Faculty Statement

A faculty group at Lake Michigan college today issued a news statement they said was prompted by recent items and editorials in the Twin Cities newspapers about faculty salaries at the school.

The statement was issued in the name of the Executive Board of the College Faculty. The statement was as follows:

"We believe the public should be equally interested in a more complete profile of the average LMC faculty member. The average LMC faculty member has 10.07 years of teaching experience; has earned 18.2 semester hours of graduate credit beyond the Master's degree; is the academic ad-

visor to 27.2 full-time students; and generated 675.9 semesters of instruction during the 1971-72 academic year.

"Tuition and state appropriation for operating costs are two sources of revenue for LMC which are a direct result of credit-hours elected, taught and thereby generated. If one considers ONLY these two sources of income compared to the reported 'average' salary of \$15,000, some interesting facts emerge. Using in-district tuition rates (\$10 credit hour) and the LOWEST state aid formula for 1971-72 (\$600 liberal arts FYES), the average faculty member generated \$19,839 in revenue for LMC from these two sources—a

figure far in excess of all his or her salary costs and fringe benefits.

"It should also be noted that these calculations DO NOT include any portion of the one mill operating levy on the college district, any federal monies received, any revenues generated by any part-time instructors, or any fees and miscellaneous income to the college. The faculty is well aware of the fact that money is not printed in Lansing, but finds its way there out of the taxpayer's pocket. The faculty is also aware; however, that such monies are not automatically returned to Berrien county and Covert township."

Zoning changes putting tight controls on construction of duplex dwellings in Lincoln township have been recommended by the township planning commission.

The recommendation, which will be forwarded to the township board, would create a new zoning category for duplexes. Their construction in

areas zoned single family residence would be forbidden.

Planners also recommended that duplexes be allowed only on parcels of land with 70 feet of frontage on a public road, and that only one duplex per parcel be allowed.

Mrs. Christine Welch, commission secretary, said

developers putting a short stretch of private road into a large parcel of land and filling the land with duplexes has become a problem in the township.

Duplexes are now allowed in areas zoned for single family residences.

The planning board

recommended other changes in zoning laws, including the expansion of the minimum lot size for home building from 10,000 to 12,000 square feet; requiring 10-foot rather than the present 5-foot side yards beside houses; and increasing and redefining frontage requirements for houses on irregularly shaped lots.

The commission voted to ask the township board to make inquiries as to whether state laws on fire extinguisher placement in mobile home parks are being observed in township trailer parks.

The law requires an approved extinguisher within 200 feet of every trailer, according to the commission.

### Lincoln Planning Commission

## Tight Duplex Controls Urged

## Berrien Farmers Get Aid For Crop Losses

# Emergency 'Loan' Checks Arriving

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Federal emergency "loan" checks for farmers who suffered crop losses from freezes and other weather disasters in 1972 have begun to arrive at the Berrien County Farmers Home Administration (FHA) office, Scottsdale.

At the same time, Robert A. Howland, Berrien FHA supervisor, said Thursday, Feb. 8, is the deadline for loan applications based on the wet November weather that kept many corn and soybean farmers from harvesting their crops.

The unique loan program, approved by Congress before last fall's election, provides that the first \$5,000 of the loan or the amount of the producer's loss, whichever is less, does not have

to be repaid.

Howland said loan applications were received from over 650 farmers. Of these, 342 were fruit growers who suffered losses either from 20-below temperatures in January of 1972 or a mid-June frost.

### 20 PER CENT LOSS

To be eligible, a farmer had to have suffered loss of 20 per cent or more of one major crop or 10 per cent of his overall production for the year, as result of one of the designated weather disasters.

Another 283 grain farmers in the county have applied for the loans because of corn and soybean losses as result of wet weather in the late fall. Still more applications are anticipated

at the FHA office from grain farmers before tomorrow's deadline.

A majority of the applications were for \$5,000, according to the FHA official, although they ranged all the way from a low of \$100 to a top of \$70,000. Loans above the "cancellable" \$5,000 level will bear a one per cent interest rate.

The almost complete wipeout of the peach crop by 20-below temperatures accounted for most of the loan requests from fruit growers. Blueberry losses from a mid-June frost accounted for some of the applications.

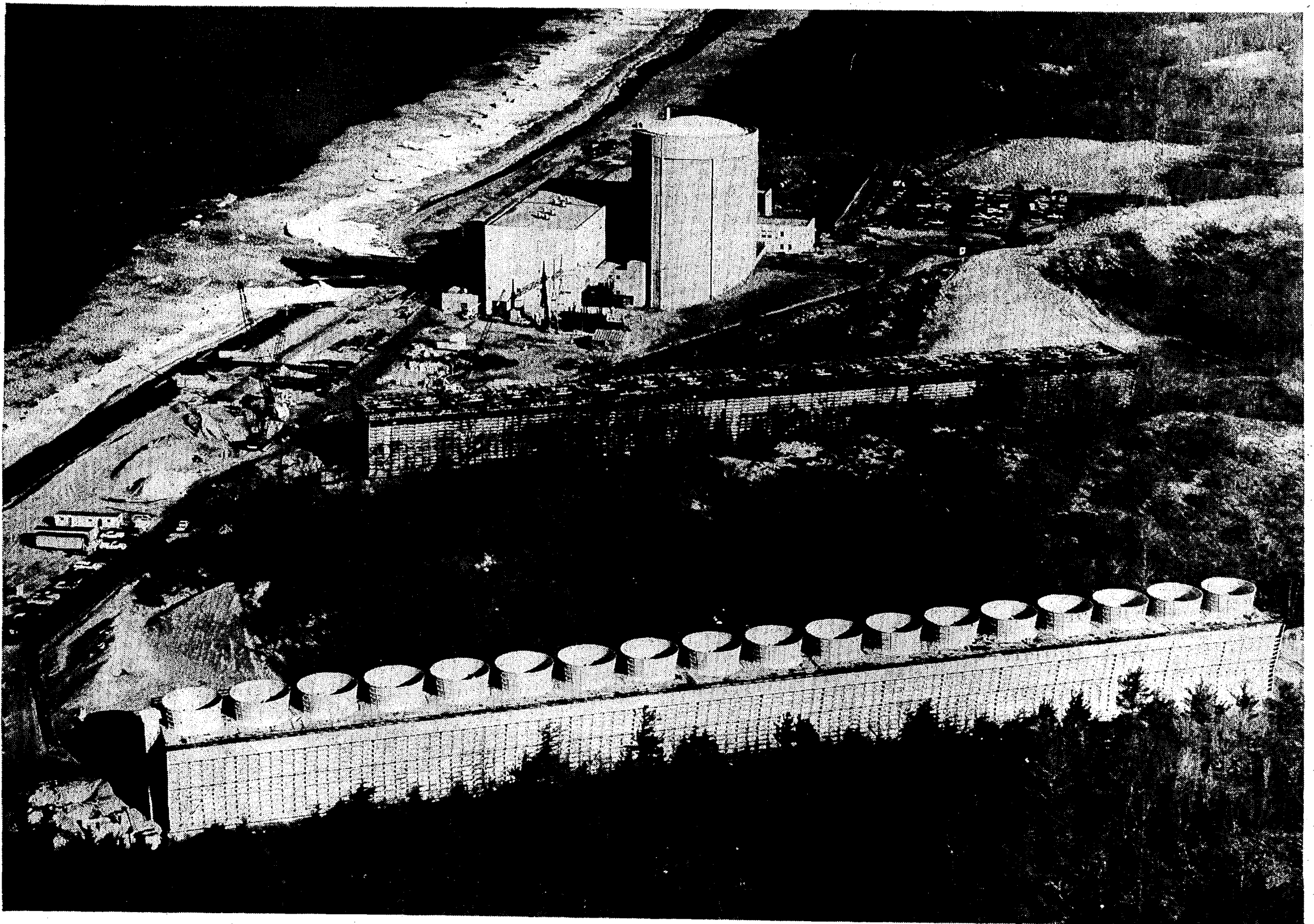
### DEADLINE PAST

By presidential order, the deadline for applications based on the early and mid-year weather disasters was Dec. 27. The FHA office indicated it was in the midst of a two-day meeting

to process loan applications when the presidential order was issued. Because the job of accepting applications from some of the farmers was considered to be in progress on Dec. 27, although not finished until Dec. 28, these applications were allowed to be forwarded for consideration at higher FHA headquarters.

Howland said 65 loan checks had been received at his office by yesterday. Farmers are notified by mail as soon as their checks come in, he said, and because of the heavy workload at his office Howland asked loan applications to wait for written notification that their checks are ready for delivery.

Howland also noted that his office will be closed three days, Feb. 13-15, so that office personnel can attend a three-day seminar at Grand Rapids.



VIEW FROM THE AIR: Two rows of cooling towers at Consumers Power company's Palisades nuclear power plant are scheduled to be completed this fall, according to a company spokesman. Towers, costing about \$25 million, will cool water from steam-driven generating

turbines 28 degrees before returning to plant. Some 12,000 gallons a minute lost to atmosphere in cooling process will be replaced with lake water. About 1,300 gallons of cooled water will be returned to lake each minute to maintain salt content of turbine system

water. Cones atop towers will house exhaust fans. Capacity of towers will be 390,000 gallons of water a minute. Each fan will be driven by 200 horsepower electric engine and air will enter through louvers on sides of towers. Towers are 476 feet long, 50 feet wide

and 65 feet high. Spokesman said serious environmental effects are not expected to extend beyond plant site. (Adolph Hann Aerial Photo)

## Watervliet Twp. Police Service Still On

WATERVLIET — The Watervliet city commission agreed last night to continue providing limited police service to Watervliet township, at least on a temporary basis.

The commission approved provisions of a proposed agreement to continue the service begun last year, but indicated the service would be stopped if it receives unfavorable action at the township's annual meeting in April.

Commissioner William Loshbough, chairman of the commission's safety committee, said without approval of the service and financing by township residents at the annual meeting, the city would have "no alternative" but to cancel the coverage then. He said township officials plan on submitting the pact for consideration at the meeting. If conditions are met, however, the provisions stipulate the coverage could be continued through the year without further action.

The extension approved by the commission last night calls for the township to up its monthly payment for policing from \$350 to \$500 without any increase in police services provided by the city. The payment increase would be retroactive through December.

Presently, city police respond to calls originating in the

township, but do not make routine patrols there.

A six-month agreement for limited policing expired in November. The policing has since continued despite lack of a formal agreement for it.

When drafted, the extension agreement will be subject to final commission action.

Terms of the proposed extension were offered in a letter from Lawrence Strouse, township trustee.

Strouse wrote that the township board would like to expand police services in the township, but is unable to do so at the present time "because of financial reasons."

Also objecting to prolonged extension of the policing at the \$500 monthly rate were Arvid Frazier and Thomas Murphy. Both said city residents had complained to them about the policing agreement.

"I think people would like to see costs shared on an equal basis," Murphy stated.

However, both Loshbough and Mayor Robert Flaherty said they had heard no complaints about the policing.

Loshbough argued for the extension, stating that he believed the "township is offering all they can at this time." He termed the extension a basis on which to build an expanded

agreement.

In other action, the commission agreed to purchase health insurance for fulltime city employees from Blue Cross. Cost of the insurance for the estimated six employees involved was put at \$17.86 per employee each month.

Under the plan adopted, the employees would have the option of buying protection through the city's policy for their families. Low bids totaling \$9,766 for interior construction work, plumbing, heating, electrical work and septic tank installation at the new highway equipment barn on Butternut street were accepted.

The bids were \$2,360 for interior construction to Robert E. Brown Construction company of St. Joseph; \$1,603 for plumbing to Ideal Plumbing and Heating company of Benton Harbor; \$2,373 for heating to City Plumbing and Heating company of St. Joseph; \$2,980 for electrical work to Dlouhy Electrical company of Coloma; and \$450 for septic system to Dibble Construction company of Benton Harbor.

Vote on the bids was 4-1, with Loshbough abstaining. Voting yes were William Fizzell, Richard Fox, Frazier and Murphy. Paul Muth was opposed.

Commissioners approved Flaherty's appointment of Fox as mayor pro tem. He replaces Loshbough in the post.

## Man Writes \$2,000 In Bad Checks

About \$2,000 worth of bad checks have been passed in Berrien county since Jan. 1 by a man using a Berrien Springs address, according to Benton Harbor Del. Dwight Claustre. Claustre said the checks were passed at various business places ranging from a plumbing supply firm to a pizza house — "you name it." The checks were drawn on the Farmers & Merchants National bank, Benton Harbor, and First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan, Niles.

## Children Are Not On ADC

Harold R. Hickey, 210 South 15th street, Niles, was found in contempt of court for arrearage in child support payments, not for support of children on ADC as reported in this newspaper yesterday. George Westfield, Berrien county friend of the court, said the error in description of the case occurred in cross-indexing.